
Senate Republicans are Committed to Reducing the Deficit and Increasing Energy Independence, while Protecting Benefits for Those in Need through the Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 2005:

- **Ensures Responsible Use of Taxpayer Dollars**
- The mandatory savings addressed in reconciliation will reduce spending by at least \$39.1 Billion between 2006 and 2010, and most policy changes will result in savings continuing in later years.
- **Addresses the Long-Term Deficit**
- Left unchecked, out-of-control mandatory spending will saddle future generations – our children and grandchildren – with our unpaid debts, and threaten their economic security.
- **Ensures Economic Security for Future Generations**
- Taking steps to reduce spending will send a strong message to the financial markets that the government is serious about fiscal discipline.

Developing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) would create hundreds of thousands of jobs and contribute billions of dollars to the U.S. economy, directly affecting every state, and enable the U.S. to become more energy independent:

- **Many Americans are paying more than \$3/gallon for gasoline today following recent disruptions in the Gulf Coast.**
- In order to protect consumers and the U.S. economy, we must produce more of our own oil and diversify the places we produce it.
- **Developing ANWR will create hundreds of thousands of jobs and contribute billions of dollars to the U.S. economy, directly affecting every state.**
- Estimates reveal that ANWR will produce 735,000 jobs in all 50 states, and could contribute up to \$350 billion to the U.S. economy.
- **ANWR represents a secure source of American oil that will help reduce U.S. demand on foreign oil for 25 years or more.**
- That will make the U.S. economy less vulnerable to the political instabilities of foreign oil-producing countries.

Deficit Reduction Act Protects Benefits for Those in Need.

- Increases spending for low-income students, individuals and families by \$17 billion.
- 90% of the gross savings for deficit reduction comes either from reductions in non-poor federal programs or receipts from business relationships with the federal government.
- Almost all the remaining 10% of gross savings comes from reducing overpayments to pharmacies and drug manufacturers and closing loopholes that permit gaming of Medicaid eligibility.

The Deficit Reduction Act increases Benefits for low-income individuals and families by \$3.7 billion. It provides:

- \$1.94 billion in Medicaid benefits to Katrina victims in AL, LA, and MS.
- \$872 million to expand Medicaid benefits to parents of severely disabled children - Family Opportunity Act (FOA).
- \$140 million for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).
- \$65 million for outreach activities to low-income families.
- \$105 million for community-based health programs for the poor.

The Deficit Reduction Act does not take away one benefit for low-income students.

- It provides over \$8 billion in new mandatory spending in direct grant aid for 5.3 million low-income students.

Senate Republicans are working to enact a broad Senate Anti-Poverty Agenda to fight poverty and strengthen families in need.

- The Family Opportunity Act in the Deficit Reduction Act is a part of the Anti-Poverty Agenda.
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